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**CITY MATTERS SURVEY** We hear from you

# Toronto loves its police force

**Survey results.**
Force gets high grade in Metro's inaugural report on community

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Before taking office, Mayor John Tory announced that repairing the relationship between Toronto police and the public is among his top priorities.

But how broken is it?

A survey conducted for Metro by MQO Research found that, on average, Torontonians rate their police service a seven out of 10, making it one of the city's highest-rated services.

Only garbage collection scored higher. Respondents are more satisfied with police than recreation and parks and much more than road maintenance and the TTC.

Police spokesman Mark Pugash said he couldn't speculate on reasons for the high support but noted the rates of crime and violent crime in Toronto are low — even if not everyone realizes it.

Statistics Canada ranks Toronto lower than every other major city in Canada on its Crime Severity Index.

In Metro's survey, 46 per cent rated police an eight out of 10 or higher. However, six per cent scored the police a three or lower. That may seem low, but it still represents some 150,000 Torontonians.

"There is consistent support for the Toronto police, but we don't take that for granted, and there are areas where we need to do a lot of work and we are doing a lot of work," Pugash said.

Coun. Shelley Carroll, whom Tory appointed to the Toronto Police Services Board, said those residents could have vastly different reasons for being dissatisfied.

"You may not understand the importance of (the police) if you are an upper-middle-class person living in a part of town with low crime stats. You'd think, 'Hey, why are we spending this money?'" she said. "Or, if you are one of those residents ... from a lower-income neighbourhood with a smattering of social housing who sees lot of stopping and carding going on, you're going to be less satisfied."

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**"Toronto is one of the safest cities in North America."**
Toronto police spokesman Mark Pugash

Sabrina Butterfly GoPaul, spokeswoman for the Jane Finch Action Against Poverty coalition, has been highly critical of Toronto police and said she would rate her satisfaction "negative infinity."

"They have been more than failing, for me, for more than a decade," she said, noting the most common criticisms levelled at police — carding and mistreatment — are not experienced by everyone.

To those who are satisfied with police, she said they should remember downtown during the G20 summit.

**CITY MATTERS: PART I**

Today we launch a five-part series in which we hear what you, the people of Toronto, have to say on city issues.
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From left, Insp. Tom Manley, chair of the police toy drive, Const. Mel D'Mello, Sgt. Vicky Lai and Sgt. Rick Jordan stand in the Scarborough toy storage area on Sunday. Police divisions are once again accepting donations to benefit children who will spend their holidays in shelters. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

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22-stop rail line

## City approves 'accelerated' plan for SmartTrack

In his first push on SmartTrack since being elected with the promise of a 22-stop rail line running through the city, Mayor John Tory passed his first hurdle at executive committee Friday.

The group of 13, handpicked by Tory, unanimously approved his request for an "accelerated" work plan by Jan. 22 and bringing on a consultant team pre-selected by him.

The committee also approved up to $750,000 for the required reports, including the impact on ridership and development.

Councillors on the executive spoke overwhelmingly in favour of the motion.

Committee approved some work, including transit modelling, to be done by a University of Toronto team led by Eric Miller, the director of the school's Transportation Research Institute who backed Tory's plans during the campaign.

Staff said Miller's group is currently doing transit modelling for the city and Tory's request would add to the work they already have planned. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dec. 5 edition

## Correction

An article on page 3 of Metro's Dec. 5 edition incorrectly linked an unnamed person to the murders of three people in Thorncliffe. The person thought to be responsible for those deaths is believed to have committed suicide. Metro regrets the error. METRO

# Wynne expresses 'grave concern' over Bill C-36

**New rules went into effect Dec. 6.**

Ontario premier says she has asked the province's attorney general to review new prostitution law

Premier Kathleen Wynne says she is concerned the new law will protect neither exploited persons nor communities. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premier Kathleen Wynne has asked the province's attorney general to investigate the constitutional validity of Canada's recently enacted prostitution law amid "grave concern" the new legislation will not protect sex workers.

"I am not an expert, and I am not a lawyer, but as Premier of this province, I am concerned that this legislation (now the law of the land) will not make sex workers safer," Wynne said in a release Sunday.

The new legislation, known as The Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act or Bill C-36, took effect Dec. 6 after months of hearings and public debate.

Dec. 6 was also the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the shooting deaths of 14 women at École Polytechnique in Montreal at the hands of gunman Marc Lépine.

In her statement Sunday, Wynne said she has listened to the debate that has taken place since last December's Supreme Court of Canada ruling that struck down as unconstitutional three prostitution-related laws.

She said she is concerned the new law will protect neither exploited persons nor communities, and has also asked Ontario's Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur to advise her on the provincial Liberals' options as a government in the event the legislation's constitutionality is in question.

"As I have said before, my priority in this debate is to ensure that our laws and institutions enhance the safety of those who are vulnerable — in this case, sex workers: a class of (mostly) women, who are disproportionately the victims of sexual and physical violence," Wynne said. "So I believe that there is merit in considering whether the Conservative government's new legislation meets that test."

The controversial federal bill targets clients and pimps as criminals, and casts individuals who sell sexual services as victims, along with communities and children who are exposed to prostitution.

Advocates of the bill see sex work as a dangerous, coercive and violent occupation, and its practitioners, mainly women, as victims forced into the trade as a result of poverty, addictions or mental health issues.

Its critics say Bill C-36 will make life harder for sex workers by scaring away good client and rushing communication with sketchy ones, make the work riskier and giving them less motivation to go to the police.

An emailed statement from federal Justice Minister Peter MacKay's office said the Conservative government recognizes that prostitution is driven by the buyers of sex, which is why the law targets johns and pimps.

Police, communities and women's groups have welcomed the approach, the statement said.

But on the national day dedicated to eradicating violence against women, the day the new prostitution legislation officially came into effect, more than 60 organizations signed a statement calling for non-enforcement of C-36 and support for the full decriminalization of sex work.

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# Mental health centre for young adults aims to fill ‘urgent’ gap

**‘A hugely vulnerable group.’** Stella’s Place is set to open next year

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When she was 19, Stella Green left Toronto to seek mental health treatment, spending the next three years in and out of centres in Boston, Vermont and Chicago.

Green, now 24, struggled with an eating disorder, stress, and instances of self-harm. She said she was lucky her family could afford to pay for the help she got outside of Canada.

“There was nowhere in Toronto for my age group that was all-encompassing,” she said.

In fact, there are only a handful of programs in the city aimed at young adults, said Jenny Carver, calling the need for such services “urgent.”

“This is a group that are hugely vulnerable around suicide, around the onset of all kinds of serious mental health issues,” she said.

Carver is a social worker and executive director of Stella’s Place — expected to be Toronto, and Canada’s, first mental health centre of its kind aimed at young adults. It’s set to open next year with Stella Green as its namesake.

The centre is hoping to fill a gap between youth programs funded by the Ministry of Child and Youth Services and adult programs under the Ministry of Health.

For the majority of youth, “once you hit 18, you literally need to move out,” Carver says.

A report last week from the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health found the number of 18- to 29-year-old Ontarians reporting poor mental health grew four-fold in the last five years. It’s the biggest increase among any age group, a finding that CAMH senior scientist Dr. Robert Mann called “striking.”

The report also found that suicidal thoughts were highest among 16- to 29-year-olds, at 4.7 per cent, compared to the average of 2.2 per cent among Ontario’s adults.

The numbers suggest young adults need support during what Mann called a difficult time in life — trying to finish school, finding a job, buying a house and getting married.

Even after young people get help, returning to “normal life” can feel like a monumental task.

Green said leaving treatment felt like: “Good luck, here’s the door.”

Stella’s Place will include a brick-and-mortar resource centre and an online support network. A group of young people — including Green — will be a driving force behind both, setting out the kind of support that will be offered and how to deliver it.

It will include transitions services and seek to minimize the kind of in-and-out treatment cycle Green experienced.

She’s had so many diagnoses, “I don’t even know what I’m diagnosed with anymore,” Green said.

In terms of medication, “I’ve gone from double-digits to nothing,” she added.

Green’s life has changed dramatically in five years. She’s a singer and plays the banjo, trumpet and mandolin in the band The Fox and the Moon. She plays centre defence for a number of hockey teams, and she’s working full time at the Jewish Community Centre’s daycare program.

She hopes Stella’s Place will give others the confidence to build a life.

“I hope it’s just a really safe place for people to re-learn hope,” Green said.

**Quoted**

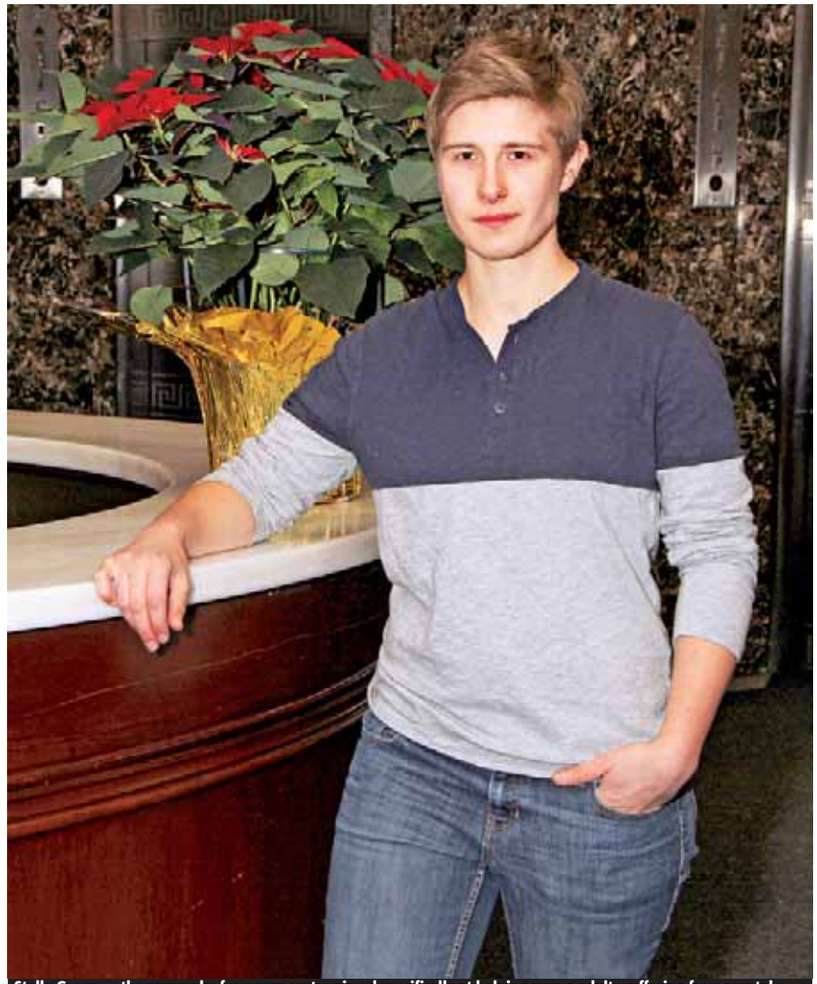
**“There’s a disconnect sometimes, and people have fallen through the cracks.”**

Jenny Carver, social worker and executive director of Stella’s Place

**Young adults**

**1 in 5**

Number of young adults in Toronto who will suffer from mental health issues in a given year.



Stella Green — the namesake for a new centre aimed specifically at helping young adults suffering from mental health issues — said she hopes it will be a “safe place for people to re-learn hope.” DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

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# York U event brings e-sports back to life

**Contest.** Gathering featured an array of fighting games

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A throng of smashers — video gamers and e-sports enthusiasts — gathered Sunday at York University's The Come Up, to compete and build a sense of community.

Unlike in the United States, the e-sports scene has been stagnant in Canada and remained more on a grassroots than professional level, said Joe Cribari, co-founder of Even Matchup Gaming.

"We wanted to elevate the community to a more progressive and evolutionary route of e-sports," he said.

The contest featured fighting games such as Super Smash Bros. Melee and the newly released Super Smash Bros. Wii U. Both games involved singles and doubles matchups, with winners of each bracket moving on to the next level until the finals.

Most of the contestants came from Ontario universities and colleges, with a handful journeying from Quebec and the U.S.

At least 70 of more than 300 participants are expected to take part in the January 2015 Apex World Series, which is like the Smash Olympics, said Cribari.

The occasion drew in more than 1,000 online viewers from across the world, said Shaun Byrne, CEO of eSports Gaming Events.

Joe Cribari, far right, sits down to compete with others in Super Smash Bros. Wii U at the York University campus on Sunday. GILBERT NGABO/METRO

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## Safe. Stolen miniature poodle returned to owners

When a stranger from across town called to tell Ross Logan she found his missing dog Poochie, the man from Parkdale thought it was another false alarm.

The stranger was in the east end of the city; Logan and his girlfriend were in the west. There was no way the 14-month-old miniature poodle could have travelled that far, Logan thought.

Over the phone, he ran through a list of identifiers that would be familiar to anyone housing the little black-and-white dog. He expected the fourth or fifth "Poochie sighting" to once again lead nowhere.

A short tail? Check. A unique patch of white fur on his chest? Check. White toes on his back feet? Check.

By Saturday night, nearly two weeks to the hour Poochie was taken from outside a roti shop, the man and his dog were reunited near Yonge and Bloor streets, halfway between Parkdale and Poochie's rescue home.

"As soon as he saw me he jumped like crazy," Logan said. "I brought his leash and some of his favourite toys and he immediately buried his nose in my pocket looking for them."

The beloved puppy was snatched outside Roti Lady at Queen Street and Dunn Avenue.

Logan and girlfriend Jean Merrick spent the first night Poochie went missing roaming nearby streets in the rain, calling out for the dog by name and squeaking his favourite toys, hoping to hear him bark.

They started a Facebook page called "Find Poochie," posted ads online and plastered 1,300 posters around Parkdale. Poochie was even the subject of a Toronto Crime Stoppers re-enactment video.

Thankfully, Logan said, a couple found Poochie only two hours after he was stolen. The small-for-his-breed dog was running across Eglinton and Midland avenues near Kennedy station, about 20 kilometres from home.

It's still a mystery how Poochie got so far away, but Logan said he believes the thief must have transported him by car or TTC. Knowing Poochie was cared for in the interim helps, he said.

For now, Poochie is back suckling on a favourite stuffed animal, Shaun the sheep, and leading Logan on long walks through the neighbourhood. On Sunday, the couple planned to take down or write "Found" on all the posters they put up.

When Merrick returned home to her puppy for the first time in two weeks late Saturday night, Poochie excitedly ran to greet her, Logan said.

"It's like his pack is back."

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Ross Logan and his girlfriend Jean Merrick had an early Christmas present when they got a call telling them that Poochie was found on the other side of the city from Parkdale where they live. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# Afghan boy adjusts to life in Toronto after losing entire family to Taliban

**Abuzar Ahmad.**
New guardians of three-year-old wounded in Kabul hotel attack are marvelling at his rapid recovery

Three-year-old Abuzar Ahmad, centre, has been healing thanks to Sick Kids after being shot twice by the Taliban in Afghanistan. For six months he has been living in Scarborough with his cousin and now legal guardian, Turaj Rais, right. Also pictured is Rais' wife, Zohra, and their twins, Tahmina, left, and Sodaba. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Abuzar Ahmad, the little boy from Afghanistan who watched his parents and older siblings die at the hands of the Taliban — and who was himself seriously wounded — is adjusting well to his new life in Toronto since arriving just over seven months ago.

Turaj Rais, Abuzar's cousin and legal guardian, said the boy, who turned three in June, continues to receive excellent medical treatment at the Hospital for Sick Children for injuries including a serious leg wound.

"He has had a remarkable treatment and recovery. He had a problem with his leg and he wasn't able to walk and be active. But now it's almost a normal leg now. He's walking around, he can ride a bike. That's a very good development," Rais said.

The Rais family expanded dramatically shortly after Abuzar's arrival when Rais' wife, Zohra, gave birth to twin daughters.

"(Abuzar) very happily became an older brother to our twins," Rais said, adding: "He's a very protective older brother to them."

Abuzar seems to be coping with the trauma of his family's death, which occurred in March when four gunmen attacked patrons at the Serena Hotel in Kabul, Rais said.

Abuzar's father, Sardar Ahmad, a senior correspondent for the news service Agence France-Presse, was killed along with his wife and two other children, aged four and six.

"What happened to (Abuzar), nobody can imagine even. His parents and siblings were shot dead in front of him and he was shot himself four times," Rais said. "But he's recovering. We expected this to be much worse. We didn't expect that he would recover so quickly.

"It only took him 40 days to call me 'Dad' and my wife 'Mom,'" he added.

Abuzar is learning English from cartoons and picture books. His new parents are looking to place him in daycare so he can adjust to going to school next September.

Rais said he's grateful for all the support his family has received from his fellow Canadians and is very hopeful for his adopted son's future.

"I think that (Abuzar) is adjusting to the new life and that's very good news. The whole plan was to raise him as a normal child with a bright, new future and with a good education. He's very brave and I'm proud of him," Rais said.

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Turaj Rais, Abuzar's cousin


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CITY MATTERS SURVEY We hear from you

# City services: Ranked

Metro had MQO Research ask 600 Torontonians to rate their satisfaction with municipal services on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 meant "very poor" and 10 meant "excellent." The following are the average scores from the 2014 City Matters survey.

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In this five-part series, we hear what you, the people of Toronto, have to say about city issues.

- **Monday: Police services rank highly in your eyes**
- Tuesday: Law-breaking cyclists vs. law-breaking drivers
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- Thursday: We look at city safety and how it's changed
- Friday: What makes you happy (hint: It's not money)

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## Garbage collection

Garbage collection has been a hot political topic since former mayor Rob Ford orchestrated the contracting out of collection west of Yonge Street. The move proved to be politically popular, even though there have been higher-than-average complaints in one of the two areas where collection is private. Mayor John Tory has vowed to contract out collection across all of Toronto.

**7.2**

## Police services

The relationship between police and the public has encountered several high-profile problems — the G20, the shooting of Sammy Yatim and the racial profiling and carding of Torontonians. Tory has vowed to repair that relationship, and will sit on the Police Services Board himself to help do that. Yet the majority of respondents gave the police a positive score.

**7.0**

## Green spaces

Toronto has about 8,000 hectares of green space, covering about 12.7 per cent of the city's area. This includes 1,600 parks, from tiny neighbourhood parkettes to large parks like Trinity Bellwoods and High Park, as well as the Don Valley. The city has more than 300 kilometres of trails.

**6.9**

## Recreation facilities

Under Ford's mayoralty, recreation fees went up every year and the city moved to a cost-recovery approach to paying for recreation. The city's programs teach sports; fitness and health; arts and crafts; outdoor pursuits; hobbies and continuing education; and, in 2014, also include 14 priority centres where programs are free.

**6.9**

## Water services

Water bills rose to $887 a year for the average home in 2014, up $73 from 2013. That puts Toronto in the middle of its neighbours, including Vaughan ($850) and Durham ($915). The increase generated $72 million for the city, which was used to upgrade the system and prevent backups into people's basements.

**6.2**

**6.7**

## Snow clearing

Before a storm, the city will send out anti-icing trucks to apply a layer of salt water on hills and bridges. It aims to begin expressway plowing after 2.5 centimetres of snow have fallen, main roads after five centimetres, and local roads after eight centimetres. It also aims to clear windrows from residential driveways within two hours of roadway plowing.

## Road maintenance

Road maintenance is the loser here. Toronto's freeze-thaw cycles mean potholes are a way of life, despite the city's efforts to keep up. Potholes should be reported to 311, and vehicle damage from potholes can be reported to the city for a claim. According to the Toronto Star, between Jan. 1 and May 7, 2014, the city filled 191,084 potholes.

**5.5**

**6.0**

## Public transportation

Improving TTC service is a priority for Tory, who intends to spearhead the building of new rapid transit projects, including the SmartTrack line and a subway in Scarborough. He also aims to reverse the cuts to bus service passed by the last council — if the money can be found. Construction of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT, funded by the province, is underway.

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# More children being treated for concussions

Despite insistence that hockey is safe and parents aren't worried, new research shows the number of Ontario youths treated for concussions at emergency departments and doctors' offices is steadily rising.

From April 2003 to March 2010, the number of concussion-related visits for youths ages three to 18 increased by nearly 50 per cent, according to a study from York University and the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES). The total rate of concussions per 100,000 increased to 754 from 467 for boys and to 441 from 209 for girls over a seven-year period.

"It's a good-news, bad-news story," said Alison Macpherson, the study's lead author. "The bad news is that the number of children who are getting treated for concussions is definitely rising.... But the good news is that I think at least some of that is because parents and everybody generally are more aware that concussion is a problem."

Macpherson said the study did not determine whether the increase in concussion-related visits was due to increased incidence or increased awareness.

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**Caveats**

**The study acknowledged it did not include data on concussion treatment at facilities outside emergency departments and doctors' offices, and also stated some patients may have been counted twice if they visited both.**

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Natalie Mason, left, 9, and Claire Bak, 9, assemble a voice recorder at MakerKids in Toronto on Friday. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

# Kids show that can-do spirit

**Do it yourself.** MakerKids teaching children to 'design the future'

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"This is nothing like school," says Erica Tiberia.

Tiberia, an instructor at MakerKids in Roncesvalles, is surrounded by children gluing crafts together or staring in anticipation at 3D printers. The air smells equally of sawdust, solder and the plastic resin extruded by the printers.

"It's self-directed and interest-driven," she says. "We let the kids figure out what they want to do and help them do it."

MakerKids, which bills itself as "one of the first and only maker spaces for children," started three years ago and now occupies two floors of a small shop on Dundas Street West. The organization offers after-school programs for children aimed at building everything from computer games to cabinets.

The space hosted a holiday workshop for about 30 children on Friday. The day was supposed to be about making DIY Christmas ornaments, but those in attendance interpreted the theme fairly broadly.

"I made an egg wearing a monocle," said nine-year-old Claire Bak, showing off the pink object fresh off a 3D printer.

"If you hang it on a tree, then it's an ornament," Tiberia joked.

Downstairs, in a back room that doubles as a wood shop, 11-year-old Ethan Robson was building a box to house a sculpture made of red and green ornaments. Asked how he came up with the idea, he smirked, shrugged and then resumed hammering a nail.

"This place is awesome," he said. "It's fun to make things, and you can use your imagination a lot. And there's no right or wrong thing to do."

MakerKids founder Andy Forest said the goal of the organization is to empower children.

"Anyone can look at a 3D printer and realize that it's going to change the world," he said. "But if you don't know how it works or how to use it, then you might be fearful of that future.

"We want to help kids be part of that future and give them the confidence that they can design that future."

MakerKids' winter day camp starts Jan. 2. For more information on the space or its programming, visit makerkids.com.

**Details**

**The maker movement coalesced in the mid-2000s, driven by the rise of affordable manufacturing tools like 3D printers and Arduino circuit boards. Its members share an interest in do-it-yourself manufacturing, both high-tech and low-tech.**

- "It's a DIY ideal," said MakerKids instructor Erica Tiberia. "It's about looking at something and being able to say, 'Hey, I can build that or fix that or make it better.'"

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Bernadette Smith speaks with senior police officers outside the Manitoba legislature in Winnipeg.
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# Families left to mourn in a void

**Aboriginal women.** Special event to help those left behind have a happier Christmas

**Quote**

**"It takes away a few tears for a while."**
Eric Robinson, aboriginal affairs minister

For Bernadette Smith, Christmas was a time for large family gatherings, lots of food and the exchange of gifts.

But since her sister Claudette Osborne disappeared in 2008, Smith finds it hard to focus on anything other than her sibling's empty chair.

"It's hard to see other families gathering together and sharing those special times you can't share with your loved one," Smith says.

"It should be an uplifting time of year, but there is no celebration when you don't have your loved one home — when they've been murdered, you don't have answers or they're still out there missing."

With about 1,200 missing or murdered aboriginal women across Canada, families are left mourning in a void, while often struggling to find money for food and gifts for children left behind.

In Manitoba, Nahanni Fontaine, a special adviser on aboriginal women's issues for the Manitoba government, has for years organized a Christmas party, including a tree, Santa and a special place for framed pictures of missing and murdered women.

The first year, there were 40 children. This year, there will be 70.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Eric Robinson said it costs the government about $2,000.

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**Inconclusive tests**

## Orca was carrying full-term fetus

A necropsy has revealed that a dead orca spotted floating on Vancouver Island was pregnant with a full-term fetus.

Department of Fisheries and Oceans spokeswoman Lara Sloan says tests to determine the cause of death were inconclusive.

She says more tests will be done on the whale.

The loss is considered a blow to recovery efforts because there are so few breeding females.

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## Veterans Affairs. Cuts hurt disability awards branch

Some of the biggest job cuts at Veterans Affairs in recent years have been in the disability awards branch, the division targeted in a recent auditor general's report for taking too long to decide on benefit claims of former soldiers.

Performance reports going back to 2009 show that about 897 positions have been eliminated across Veterans Affairs, with 33 per cent from the section that administers pensions and awards.

The records show the health and rehabilitation branches lost about 372 positions in the same time frame.

Commemorations, the division that celebrates past wars and maintains memorials, was reduced by 17.2 per cent, while internal services — Prime Minister Stephen Harper described it last week as "backroom administration" — lost 71 positions, just 10.1 per cent.

The disability and death compensation branch underspent its budget by $121 million, a 2013-14 departmental performance report said.

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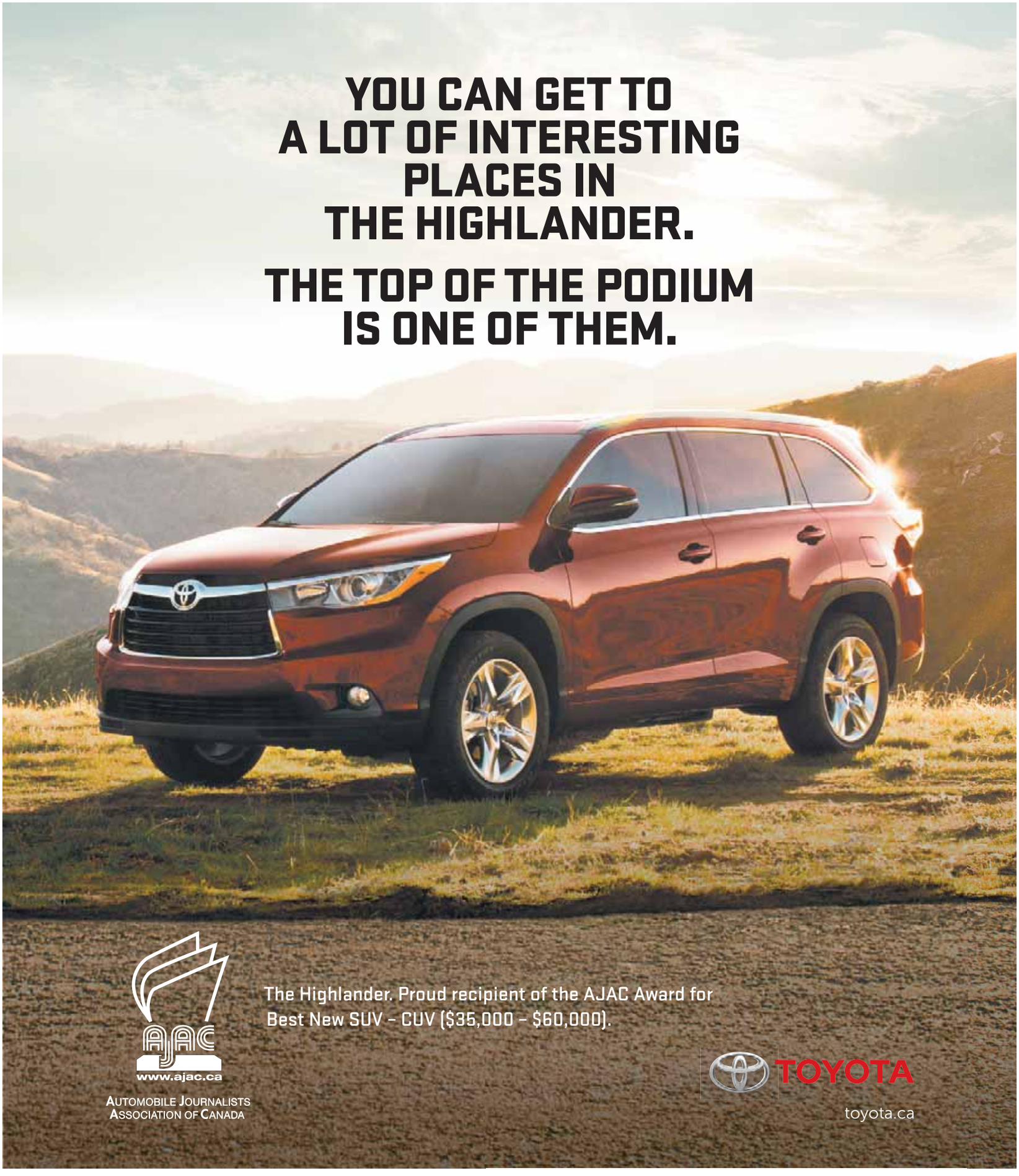
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# Hypocrisy? Harper's labour jibe is U-turn on his election money stance

Stephen Harper used to contend that money does not influence the outcome of elections.

He used to rail against any attempt to limit the amount of money outside advocacy groups could spend during campaigns. And he used to strenuously object to any attempts to compel those groups to disclose from whom they got their money or how they spent it.

That was, of course, before he became prime minister. Now, Harper heads a party that accuses labour unions of trying to "bully and influence our elections from the outside" and routinely uses the spectre of dastardly union politicking to drum up donations the Conservatives say are urgently needed to ensure victory in next year's election.

And he heads a government bent on forcing unions to disclose the salaries of their employees and just how they spend the money they collect from members' dues.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper
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Former Liberal cabinet minister Don Boudria stops just short of calling it hypocrisy. "I think this is a case of that was then and this is now," says Boudria, who was named in a court challenge launched by private citizen Stephen Harper in 2000 against the then-Liberal government's so-called "gag law" limiting spending by outside third parties during election campaigns. "The ironies are all over the place," added Boudria.

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## Paying tribute to a legend

Mourners file past the casket to pay their respects during the public viewing for Montreal Canadiens legend Jean Béliveau Sunday in Montreal. Béliveau died Dec. 2 at the age of 83. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Threats issued

## ISIL video calls for attacks on Canada

A U.S.-based company that monitors trends within the global jihadist movement says the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has released a video calling for lone-wolf attacks on Canadian targets.

SITE Intelligence Group posted the six-minute, 13-second video on its website Sunday and it's been distributed on Twitter and jihadi forums. On the video, a man, who says he is Canadian and identifies himself as Abu Anwar al-Canadi, urges his Muslim countrymen to follow the example of Martin Couture-Rouleau. Couture-Rouleau killed one soldier — Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent — and injured another when he ran them down with a car in October.

Standing in the ruins of an unidentified area, Abu Anwar warns Canadians that their country being part of the U.S.-led coalition fighting ISIL will bring revenge attacks upon them.

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# Eric Garner. California protests turn violent

Mostly peaceful protests of a grand jury's decision not to indict a white police officer in the chokehold death of an unarmed black man have continued, but authorities said a march in California turned violent when a splinter group smashed windows and threw objects at police.

A Berkeley police officer received hospital treatment for a dislocated shoulder after being hit with a sandbag, while another sustained minor injuries, police spokeswoman Jenn Coats said.

She said several businesses were looted and damaged when a splinter group broke from the peaceful demonstration Saturday night, and officers attempting to get the crowd to disperse used smoke and tear gas. Protesters threw rocks, bricks, bottles and pipes at officers, and some squad cars were damaged. At least six people had been arrested by the time the unrest ended early Sunday morning, Coats said.

Thousands have protested peacefully in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Seattle, Miami and Las Vegas since the announcement on Wednesday that a grand jury declined to indict a white officer in the death of Eric Garner, a black man who gasped, "I can't breathe," while being placed in a chokehold as he was being arrested for selling loose, untaxed cigarettes.

The decision followed a Ferguson, Mo., grand jury's choice not to indict a white officer in the fatal shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown.

The scope of the demonstrations and the lack of violence were moving to Garner's mother, she said Saturday. "It is just so awesome to see how the crowds are out there," said Gwen Carr.

"I was just so proud of that crowd. It just warmed my heart."

Officers have said the outcry over the grand jury decision has left them feeling betrayed and demonized by everyone from the president and the mayor to throngs of protesters who scream at them on the street. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Typhoon Hagupit sends 900,000 to shelters

**Strong waves crash into coastal houses as Typhoon Hagupit pounds Legazpi, Albay province, in the Philippines on Sunday. Typhoon Hagupit knocked out power in entire coastal provinces, mowed down trees and sent more than 900,000 people into shelters before it weakened Sunday.**

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**Israel**

## Military looking into Gaza airstrike deaths

The Israeli military says it opened a criminal investigation into a deadly airstrike from the last Gaza war.

At least 24 members of the Abu Jamea family were killed in the July 20 strike on their home. They included 18 children between the ages of six months and nine years, according to death certificates obtained by The Associated Press.

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**New Delhi, India**

## Uber driver arrested over rape allegations

Indian police arrested a driver from the international taxi-booking service Uber Sunday for allegedly raping a young woman in the capital.

Shiv Kumar Yadav, 32, was arrested Friday, police said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Low oil prices may hit banks' bottom line

**Worry.** TD Bank has been impacted by the price of petroleum and there is concern other lenders are at risk, too

Oil prices that reached a five-year low on Friday are starting to take a bite out of profits at TD Bank and raising concerns for the rest of the country's top lenders.

Canada's biggest banks earn up to 20 per cent of their revenues through providing investment and corporate banking services, with oil and gas companies an important part of that client base.

But with oil prices slipping — they have tumbled roughly 35 per cent to under $70 a barrel from their mid-summer highs due to a strong U.S. dollar, low demand and a glut of global supply — TD Bank says it will have to look beyond the oilpatch to make up its investment banking revenue.

"With the current activity going on in oil pricing, it certainly is impacting activity levels in the business," Bob Dorrance, the head of TD's wholesale banking division, told investors during a conference call earlier this week after the bank reported its fourth quarter results.

"Things have slowed down."

The energy sector, a major weight on the Toronto Stock Exchange, has taken a beating on the markets and taken other stocks, including those with indirect exposure to companies that produce crude, down with it.

While all of the country's top lenders reported substantial profits during the quarter, Canaccord Genuity analyst Gabriel Deschaine noted that lacklustre performance on the stock markets caused many of the banks to report weaker than expected revenues from their brokerage businesses.

Scotia Capital analyst Sumit Malhotra says roughly 30 per cent of the underwriting fees — fees from administering new issues on the stock markets — earned by Canada's six top banks this year came from the energy sector.

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**Oilpatch companies**

**The plummeting oil prices have also caused some concerns about whether oilpatch companies will default on their loans and create financial burdens for the banks.**

- The big banks say they are regularly performing stress tests on their loan portfolios to see how they will fare in a continued low oil price environment.

**Dutch-based company**

## Mexx declares bankruptcy

Fashion retailer Mexx has declared bankruptcy, becoming the latest fashion retailer forced to liquidate its stock.

The Dutch-based company said it plans to submit a proposal to creditors in Canada under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act.

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**Experts optimistic**

## Jobless rate up slightly to 6.6%

The overall drop in Canada's job market last month was so small it fell within the survey's rounding error, but experts remained optimistic Friday about the country's labour prospects for the future.

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VOICES

# THE INGENUE

Tory is a rookie when it comes to city hall politics — and it shows

**TORY'S TORONTO**
Matt Elliott

*This kicks off a new era of Matt Elliott's column, focusing on the city under Mayor John Tory. Elliott appears every Monday in Metro.*

Let's flash back to Sept. 23, when the days were longer and it seemed like Toronto's mayoral election would never end. It was the first mayoral debate with all three leading candidates, following the great Ford switcheroo. Candidate Doug Ford came out swinging.

He accused opponent John Tory of being inexperienced, at one point asking him how many standing committees there were at city hall. When Tory couldn't answer, Ford erupted. He spent the remainder of the campaign saying that city hall is no place for on-the-job training.

At the time, I thought this was ridiculous. Tory has a long resumé, in politics and in business. "Trying to convince voters that Tory doesn't have enough experience to be mayor is like trying to convince people Bruce Wayne doesn't have enough gadgets to be Batman," I wrote in an October column.

Now, though, after Tory's first week as mayor, I've been reconsidering — just a bit. Because, after watching Tory's start, I'm mostly left with the impression that he really is a rookie when it comes to municipal government — and it shows.

Consider his appointments. While a lot of the criticism of Tory's picks for key posts focused on whether he had struck the right kind of ideological balance, I'm more concerned that his choices don't seem very strategic. Take Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong, for example. Whether you agree with his politics or not, Tory's pick for deputy mayor has a reputation as a divisive and controversial figure. Because Minnan-Wong has spent much of the past year criticizing Waterfront Toronto, his appointment put citizens in support of waterfront development on high alert — ready to cause problems for the Tory administration if there's even a hint of disrupting plans for the city's lakefront.

Tory, who campaigned on a pledge to unite Toronto, doesn't need that kind of headache.

Then there's Frances Nunziata. It's a puzzle to me what exactly Tory gains from reappointing Nunziata as council speaker. Her tenure in the position through the Ford years was fraught with shouting, general unpleasantness, shouting, and also more shouting. But Tory picked her anyway. In doing so, he created an opportunity for councillors to rise up and vote against the new mayor at his very first meeting — a super-embarrassing prospect.

In both cases, there were better, safer picks that seemingly would have offered all the benefits with few of the drawbacks. An experienced mayor, recognizing that a huge part of the mayor's job is simply keeping a large majority of council happy, almost certainly would have picked differently.

But Tory is new to this. It's important to remember that. Even with his experience, it's now clear he will require some on-the-job training. Let's just hope he's a fast learner.

**Your Toronto**

**Photo submitted by reader Craig Boyko**

## The view from above

The ROM's Michael Lee-Chin Crystal is seen in an aerial view in this photo taken from an apartment on Bedford Road. CONTRIBUTED

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**Upcoming**

## *Fighting sexual violence, silence*

A group built around the premise of "big-idea conversations" is planning a doozy this week.

It's called What Now? Changing our culture of sexual violence and silence. After School founder Nicola Spunt has pulled together folks like Amanda Dale, executive director of The Schlifer Clinic, and Karen B.K. Chan, a sex and emotional literacy educator, for the discussion. It's happening 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday at The Gladstone Hotel. Get tickets at afterschooltoronto.com. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

## *Holiday cocktail how-to*

BevLab, an "open studio, laboratory, bar, and café space" on Queen Street West, is hosting a cocktail workshop from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. The Herbs and Infusions workshop comes with the ingredients for two cocktails, instruction from a mixologist and a recipe book to take home. More info at bevlab.com. ROSEMARY WESTWOOD/METRO

## *Revamped TTC board tackles first agenda*

The Toronto Transit Commission board will get a fresh start this week.

Tuesday marks the first meeting with Coun. Josh Colle at the helm as board chair. Hand-picked by the mayor, Colle will be tasked with bridging the gap between John Tory's political will — including promises to build both SmartTrack and the Scarborough subway — and the underfunded reality of the TTC. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

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Gossip

## NED EHRBAR

METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Kirk Cameron GETTY IMAGES

# There's no Saving Christmas for Kirk Cameron turkey

Former Growing Pains star and outspoken evangelical Christian Kirk Cameron learned the hard way that the Internet is basically like quicksand: The more you struggle, the worse it gets.

Last month, Cameron balked at the abysmal score for his new film, Saving Christmas, on review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes, so he called his fans to action to improve the score by flooding the site with good reviews.

Of course, Rotten Tomatoes doesn't really work that way, but that's beside the point. What happened instead? Well, Cameron just encouraged online pranksters to go to town, pushing the film to the No. 1 stop on IMDb's 100 Worst Movies list, determined by user ratings on the film database.

And unless he can encourage his fans to start voting down Birdemic: Shock and Terror so its ranking dips below the 1.5 stars Saving Christmas currently has, it's an honour he'll hold for a while.

# iPod you not! Music lovers pay big notes for Classics

All that outrage over Apple sneakily discontinuing the popular iPod Classic in the wake of the iPhone 6 and Apple Watch announcements has given way to some impressive price-gouging, as fans are now apparently willing to shell out quite a bit for the dedicated music player. The 160-gigabyte capacity iPod Classics are now selling for as much as £670 (or about $1,190) in the U.K., according to the Guardian, while in the U.S. they're topping out on Amazon at the seemingly much more reasonable $490.

But that's still a lot more than the $249 the Classic went for before being killed off. Oh, and if you've got an old iPod Classic kicking around and want to cash in, even used ones are going for up to $500 on eBay.

But if this is any indication, that price will only go up, so list carefully.

iPod Classic GETTY IMAGES

Jessica Simpson INSTAGRAM

# Jessica will not sweep her love under the rug

Instagram is a great venue for making personal confessions or proclamations of love, or just releasing news.

And it looks like Jessica Simpson decided to do all three in one very simple photo, stating quite bravely on the site, "I love carpet." No links, no hashtags, nothing to muddy the message.

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## The Sailor's Dream

**By.** Jonas Tarestad and Jonathan Eng

**iPad/iPhone**

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Time passes in this novella when you're not reading it. Open it after an hour or a day and new pages appear. Hidden within interactive illustrations, story snippets float up like repressed memories. The narrative is hard to follow, but the experience is poetic.

**App**

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**Video game**

**Name.** Pokémon Omega Ruby/Alpha Sapphire

**For.** Nintendo 3DS/2DS

**Rated.** Everyone

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# It takes a crowd to cross ethnic boundaries

**Sandra Oh.** Former Grey's Anatomy star seeks funding for new film project she hopes will better represent young Asian women

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Metro in Hollywood

After 10 seasons on Grey's Anatomy, actress Sandra Oh is going in a very different direction for her next project. Oh is lending her voice and producing power to Window Horses, an animated film about a young Canadian poet of Chinese and Iranian descent. And she's also learning a lot about the world of crowdfunding, thanks to the film's extensive Indiegogo campaign.

**You've been busy since leaving Grey's Anatomy.**
I'm super-excited to be working on Window Horse and kind of producing for the first time, which for me is a whole new hat and a whole new learning curve, which is great. It's so exciting for me. After a decade of Grey's, the thing I fall in love with is an animated film!

**What was it about this project that spoke to you?**
For me, Window Horses is so pro-girl, it's pro-tolerance, it's pro-diversity and it's set in the world of poetry. These are all things I feel extremely invested in and extremely interested in sharing. I feel that race is deeply a part of everyday life, and to be a spokesperson or to put stories out there about people who don't get represented is something I'm really interested in. I realized while watching things that are geared towards young people, young girls, I still do not see myself represented as an Asian person. Absolutely not, even with the headway we have made.

**How do we get to a place where projects that are pro-girl and pro-diversity don't just seem like no-brainers?**
I honestly don't know. I'm fully aware that the Indiegogo campaign is an outsider's way of making work, and honestly that's why it appeals to me. Having been inside, in some ways, for the past decade on a very successful and very well-funded television show, I just want to take what I know from that and bring it to another audience, an audience that is not as well-represented, who actually wants to hear different stories, not mainstream stories.

**Sandra Oh is crowdfunding for an animated film about a young Canadian poet.** GETTY IMAGES

**What has (Grey's creator) Shonda Rhimes done for representation on TV?**
There's so much Grey's did for diversity on television, and the style of the show was that we never talked about race. The way that her track record can actually prove, in a physical, monetized way, that people will watch a TV show when there are black people on it, to be quite blunt — it's like, yes! The character in Window Horses is this mixed-race young woman who is trying to discover herself and who has an artist's voice and goes and finds it in another country. I just know that there is an audience for that.

**How has it been so far interacting with that audience?**
It's mysterious in its own way because you have no idea what will happen, and I just hope that people will see it and say, "I want to see a stick-figure character who has two little slits for eyes and is wearing a chador, I want to see her up there so I'm going to donate." It's a platform to connect with people — to connect with like-minded people. Just the amount of people who have responded to it and want to tell their own stories, it's a like a floodgate. When people ... say that no one wants to hear these stories, I just don't believe it. I don't believe it at all.

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# Streaming. Ritter lands role as Jessica Jones in Marvel series for Netflix

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According to The Hollywood Reporter, Krysten Ritter has landed the role of Jessica Jones, the superheroine turned private eye whose series will air on Netflix.

The actress was chosen over four other candidates: Marin Ireland, Alexandra Daddario, Teresa Palmer and Jessica de Gouw. The news is not yet confirmed.

Ritter has an extensive TV resumé, including roles on Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23, The Blacklist, Veronica Mars and Breaking Bad. Also a regular on the big screen, she will soon appear in Tim Burton's Big Eyes and in the comedy Search Party.

Jessica Jones will be the second of four series ordered by Netflix from Marvel, each dedicated to a lesser-known superhero. AFP

DVD review

## Guardians of the Galaxy

**Director.** James Gunn

**Stars.** Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Bradley Cooper

These Guardians are a motley crew of celestial badasses: giant grunting tree Groot (Vin Diesel); sarcastic mutant varmint Rocket Raccoon (Bradley Cooper); pompous tattooed strongman Drax (Dave Bautista); and green-skinned ninja Gamora (Zoe Saldana). The fifth member is the only human one: Chris Pratt's treasure raider Peter Quill. They all have their own attitudes and agendas, but fate — in the form of an all-powerful orb that could destroy the universe — forces them to work together. PETER HOWELL

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# Wrap up the year with savings

**Money makeover.**
The tree isn't the only thing that needs trimming in December

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When was the last time you actually read your bills? Most people just pay 'em without giving a second thought to whether they're getting their money's worth.

Since you work hard for your money, doesn't it make sense to see if it's going where it will do you the most good? As we round the corner into a new year, this is a good time to stop and take stock of how you've been spending your money.

People shell out thousands a year on home phone and cellphone bills. A little attention could net you a cheaper plan that gets you what you need and puts money into your savings account. Ditto your cable and gas bills, your credit card and bank statements.

Today, spend one hour going over all your bills so you're completely familiar with where your money is going.

Look for all the things you pay for, but seldom use, and as you chop, trim, slice and dice, make a list of the money you're saving.

With electricity costs going up, saving money is as simple as unplugging unused appliances. Even when your appliances aren't in use, if they're plugged in, they're using electricity. And some appliances are energy pigs. Did you know your DVR is using more power than your fridge?

Do you know what you paid in service charges last month? No? Time to read your bill! I've looked through bank statements showing a $20 withdrawal holding hands with a $3 fee. That's a 15 per cent fee. If you're usin' an ATM like a wallet, what's wrong with you?

Then there are the dopes that think living in overdraft is a good idea. It's not just the monthly fee (if you even have a plan, 'cause I've seen some folks paying $5 a day for every day they're in overdraft), there's the interest charge too. No, that's not 1.75 per cent a year ... that's a month, which translates into 21 per cent a year. OD was never meant as a cash-flow supplement; it was always meant for emergencies. If you are always in overdraft, it's because you haven't cozied up to a budget. Do it.

Don't forget those bills that come less often, like your home and car insurance. My last home insurance bill went up by 16 per cent. You might be surprised at how easy it is to save some money just by shopping around online.

While you might have grown very comfortable with the insurance company or broker with whom you've been dealing, if you can save a couple of hundred bucks a year by shopping around, that's nothing to sneeze at. Your premiums will also go down if you choose a higher deductible. The standard deductible is $500. Since you're unlikely to make an insurance claim for such a piddly amount, raise the deductible on your policy and add a little extra to your emergency fund to cover the difference. And bundling home and vehicle insurance together could save you more than $300. Hey, that's worth the call to consolidate, isn't it?

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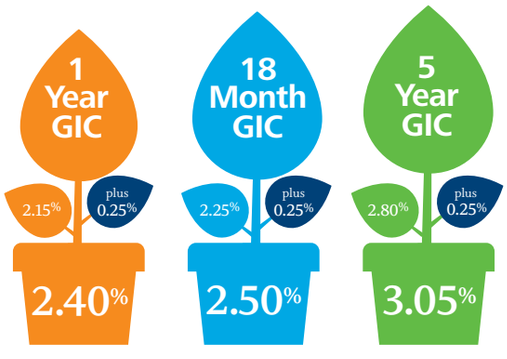


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# When the going gets ruff, call on a campus canine

**Education.** Post-secondary schools turn to therapy dogs to help high-strung students

MOLLY CONGDON
Metro in New York City

"Doggy!" This is the reaction most people have when a dog crosses their path. For years, studies have examined how dogs help people deal with difficult topics such as illnesses and grief.

Given this, it seems only natural that college campuses across the country would start to use therapy dogs to help relieve the significant stress among students that can build up as they juggle science labs, work-study jobs and writing 20 page papers.

Enter Jersey, an adopted Carolina blend who recently became Drexel University's first canine employee. (He even has his own official identification card).

Kathryn Formica and Jersey hard at work in their shared office. CONTRIBUTED

With Jersey's hiring, Drexel became the first university in the country to have an on-site therapy dog throughout the academic year.

Jersey can be found on the third floor of the recreation centre in the office of Kathryn Formica, his owner and the coordinator of student fitness and wellness in the Drexel Recreation Center. Formica explains that she sees an average of 10 to 25 student visitors per day, but around midterms it spiked to 30 students or more.

"I was excited that he's not in a library setting, because it gets students into our building to see the gym facilities," Formica says. "They can see other alternative ways to relieve stress."

Dogs just make people happy, Formica notes in observing Jersey's popularity.

"Jersey reminds them of home," Formica says.

"He makes them feel safe and secure; he brings instant smiles and happiness."

Other schools that have incorporated therapy dogs into campus life include Harvard, which has a Shih Tzu named Cooper in their Library of Medicine and New York University which has had therapy dogs visit their campus to interact with law students.

**No pup of your own?**

- **Go for a stroll.** Head to a local park near campus and park yourself on a bench, Trust us, you'll see lots of dogs walking with their humans.
- **Create your own private session.** Find a pet store and pick an adorable dog to look at. That will get you at least 10 minutes of puppy love.

# Career. Poll finds most people do not report sexual harassment at work

A new poll has found that four out of five respondents who say they were sexually harassed in the workplace did not report it to their employer.

The online poll of more than 1,500 people conducted by Angus Reid said those who reported harassment offered a number of reasons for not coming forward.

Most said they preferred to handle the problem on their own, while others cited fear that their career would suffer, embarrassment or they felt the incident was too minor in nature.

The poll found 28 per cent of the women and men who participated reported unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favours or sexually charged talk in the past two years.

The polling industry's professional body, the Marketing Research and Intelligence Association, says online surveys can't be assigned a margin of error as they are not a random sample and therefore the surveys are not necessarily representative of the whole population.

The issue of workplace harassment has gained prominence since the CBC fired radio host Jian Ghomeshi after a number of women accused him of physical and sexual harassment.

He has admitted to engaging in rough sex, but has said the encounters were consensual.

Toronto police recently laid criminal charges including four counts of sexual assault against Ghomeshi after three women came forward alleging physical and sexual harassment.

Ghomeshi's lawyer has said her client will plead not guilty to the charges.

The issue gained further prominence after two female New Democrat members of Parliament came forward and accused two Liberal MPs of misconduct and the Liberals were suspended from caucus.

Three quarters of those who took part in the online panel poll said sexual harassment in the workplace should receive far more attention than it does.

The survey defined sexual harassment as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favours, and other verbal — non-touching — conduct of a sexual nature.

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# Veg up gnocchi with kale and squash

**Dinner.** Typically served with a simple sauce, this potato pasta gets a healthy makeover

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This recipe serves six. ROSE REISMAN

Gnocchi is a version of pasta made from potato, egg and flour. It's a wonderful appetizer or main meal especially during the colder months, which means right now!

Gnocchi doesn't just have to be paired with a tomato sauce.

To make this a heartier dish, I've added cubes of butternut squash, which are filled with vitamin A and C, potassium and fibre. Super green kale, meanwhile, is a cancer-fighting cruciferous vegetable that contains daily amounts of vitamin K, C and A.

If you like a more flavourful cheese than Parmesan, try Romano or Pecorino.

**Ingredients**

- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 tsp crushed garlic
- Salt and pepper
- 1 1/2 cup diced butternut squash
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1 lb gnocchi
- 8 cups chopped kale leaves
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup grated mozzarella cheese

**Directions**

**1.** Preheat broiler.

**2.** In large skillet, sauté onion in vegetable oil for 3 minutes on medium heat. Add garlic, salt and pepper, squash and red bell pepper, sauté for 5 minutes, stirring constantly.

**3.** Meanwhile, bring a pot of water to a boil. Add gnocchi and bring back to a boil. Cook for 4 or 5 minutes, or just until the gnocchi rise to the top and are tender. Add kale during last two minutes of cooking. Drain well and add gnocchi and kale to squash mixture. Add Parmesan cheese.

**4.** Spray a 9x13 inch casserole dish with vegetable oil. Add gnocchi mixture and garnish with mozzarella cheese. Broil for two minutes or just until cheese has melted.

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## Donovan retires a champion as L.A. wins 5th MLS title

The Los Angeles Galaxy's Landon Donovan hoists the MLS Cup as he and teammates celebrate after winning the league championship match against the New England Revolution on Sunday in Carson, Calif. Robbie Keane scored a tiebreaking goal in the 111th minute in the Galaxy's 2-1 win. It was L.A.'s fifth championship. The MLS title was the sixth for Donovan, who was playing in his final match before retiring.
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# Nod given to Garner in Rams' latest statement

**'I Can't Breathe.'**
St. Louis players say they are 'sticking up for people who don't have a voice'

A week after their "Hands Up, Don't Shoot!" show of solidarity, several St. Louis Rams players made another societal statement Sunday with the message: "I Can't Breathe."

The slogan refers to Eric Garner, who died after a New York police officer placed him in a chokehold during an arrest for selling loose cigarettes. A grand jury decided last week that it would not indict the officer. A video of the arrest showed Garner gasping, "I can't breathe."

Guard Davin Joseph wrote the words on the cleats he wore during pre-game warm-ups before the Rams beat the Washington Redskins 24-0. Tight end Jared Cook had it written on his wrist tape during the game, and he said receiver Kenny Britt and two or three other offensive players did the same.

"I feel like we should support what we feel is right," said Joseph, who intended to wear the cleats during the game but had to change because of the condition of the slick turf at the Redskins' stadium. "We should always have an opinion of sticking up for people who don't have a voice."

Joseph tweeted an image of his shoes before the game with the message: "R.I.P. Eric Garner."

Also on Sunday, Detroit Lions running back Reggie Bush had "I Can't Breathe" written in black across his blue warm-up shirt.

On Saturday night, Chicago Bulls guard Derrick Rose wore the message on his T-shirt during warm-ups before an NBA game against the Golden State Warriors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rams guard Davin Joseph tweeted an image of a pair of his cleats he intended to wear on Sunday against the Redskins. @DAVINJOSEPH75/TWITTER

Alpine skiing

## Vonn fast out of comeback gate

Lara Gut of Switzerland won the women's World Cup super-G in Lake Louise, Alta., Sunday, with Lindsey Vonn finishing second.

Vonn was coming off a victory in Saturday's downhill. The four-time overall World Cup champion is returning to the circuit after missing the Sochi Olympics and undergoing a second knee operation.
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PGA

## Healthy Woods struggles in return

Tiger Woods tied for last place in his return to golf after four months and found at least one reason for optimism.

At least he has his health.

Except for flu-like symptoms on Saturday, Woods made it through 72 holes of the Hero World Challenge in Windermere, Fla., by swinging as hard as he wanted without feeling any pain. He finished 26 shots behind winner Jordan Spieth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

## Broncos beat Bills on the ground

C.J. Anderson ran for three touchdowns and the Denver Broncos overcame a rare unsteady outing by Peyton Manning to beat the Buffalo Bills 24-17 Sunday.

Manning's streak of consecutive games with a touchdown throw was snapped at 51.
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# Bernier apologizes for Mandela error

**'I got flustered.'** Leafs netminder confused about Nelson Mandela at Raptors celebration

If there was a red-faced Maple Leaf over the weekend, it was Jonathan Bernier.

Invited by the Raptors to an event to celebrate Nelson Mandela's life and legacy, Bernier was cornered on the red carpet and asked about the icon.

His answer suggested he thought Mandela was an athlete, not an anti-apartheid revolutionary and former president of South Africa.

Oddly, Bernier's answer was posted to the Raptors' website and the wild west of the Internet took it from there; it has since been taken down.

"I'm embarrassed," said Bernier. "I didn't mean to offend him, his legacy. I got

Jonathan Bernier
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flustered with the red carpet and I was nervous. I think everyone makes mistakes and that was me that night."

Clearly, through his body language, Bernier meant every word of his apology. Clearly, as well, he is not in net for the Maple Leafs because of his ability to answer questions on history or politics; he's in net to stop the puck.

And lately, he's been doing a pretty good job of that.

"He seems to see the puck very well," said Leafs defenceman Stephane Robidas. "Even when there's traffic he follows the puck around very well. He's very athletic, he's very quick. He never puts the rebound up in front of the net. It's either he swallows it — he keeps it — or it goes down in the corners where they can't have a rebound in front."

Bernier turned in the best performance of the season on Saturday night, a 44-save effort in what can be said to be the first win he has stolen this year.

"It's not part of a recipe to have success. You can't give up over 40 shots and expect to win every night," said Robidas. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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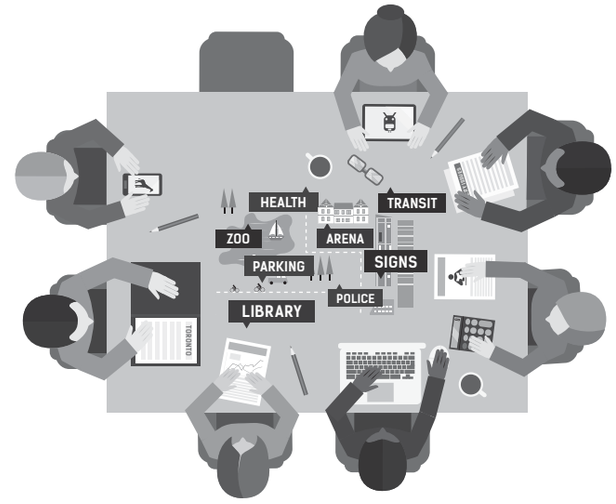


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### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
This week should be easier than last week. Today, however, you may have to deal with a problem you would like to pretend does not exist.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
An embarrassing event will make you shy to show your face in certain circles but so what if you made a fool of yourself? No one is perfect. Laugh it off.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
Get out into the world and have a good time. The more people you meet on your travels the better, as they will open your eyes to new possibilities.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
Something shiny will catch your eye and you won't be happy until you possess it. Whether or not you can afford it won't worry you. Will you regret it tomorrow? Who cares!

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
There are so cosmic influences working in your favour and you can't help but feel delighted with life. However, as luck planet Jupiter turns retrograde in your sign today don't take too much for granted.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
If you find it hard to get your act in gear as the new week begins maybe you are doing something wrong. Or maybe you need an extra day of rest.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
Make an effort to get to know someone you thought of as boring and you may be surprised to find they are more interesting than you imagined.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
Whatever challenges you are faced with over the next few days you will attack them. But don't get carried away and take on something (or someone) that is out of your league.

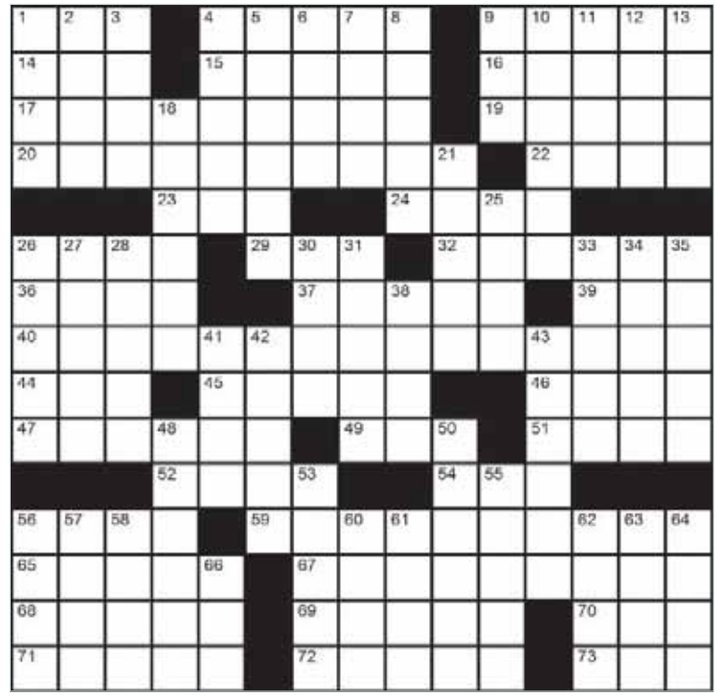
### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
You know that what you believe in is right and you know that what someone else believes in is wrong. How do you convince them to change their outlook? You don't. Let them learn from their own mistakes.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
Don't be too critical of someone today because later in the week you will need their assistance and they are unlikely to give it if you've been too hard on them.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
As Jupiter begins one of its retrograde phases today you are advised not to take anything for granted.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
You may be one of the more sensitive members of the zodiac but you can be tough when the occasion calls for it. At work others will get the message that you're not such a wimp after all.

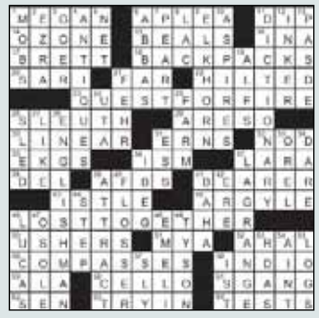
## Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



**Across**
1. Corn on the __
4. Guinness and Baldwin
9. Thing to kick as a New Year's resolution
14. Shakespeare: "_, __ some other name!" - Juliet
15. "Hello, __!" (1969)
16. Historical time
17. One who points out every perceived flaw
19. Indulgence at the mall
20. John Lennon song: 2 wds.
22. Star tennis player Mr. Murray
23. Battleship letters in The States
24. Yank
26. Printer's pile
29. Five - Three = What?
32. Opera legend Maria (b.1923 - d.1977)
36. Languish
37. Mountain spinach
39. "__ the King's Men" (2006)
40. __ __ Provincial Park, in northwestern Ontario
44. Building extension
45. Speak
46. Ding-__! (Sound from the door)
47. Delete private information
49. Home addr.
51. Angry snits
52. "This Hour Has 22 Minutes" bit
54. __ rata
56. Ms. Carrere's
59. Promontory on which Quebec City sits: 2 mots
65. Foretells
67. Attorney, in England
68. Bundle-of-joy carrier
69. Food staple
70. Lanois' U2 co-producer
71. Ashen looking
72. Two-masted boats
73. New York baseball player

**Down**
1. And, e.g.
2. Off-Broadway theatrical award
3. Test version of software
4. "Good-bye!"
5. Plague pest
6. Antlered animals
7. Horsefly
8. Sundae topping
9. She's opposite
10. Disgust
11. "__ Free" (1966)
12. Frosted
13. Group of unnamed people
18. Feathered
21. State flower of New Mexico
25. Bert of "The Wizard of Oz" (1939)
26. More less cooked
27. School: French
28. Get _ __ of (Contact)
30. "__ Get Fooled Again" by The Who
31. "Waiter! I'm ready to __ now, please."
33. Travail, variant-spelling
34. Tiffany hit: "I Think We're __ Now"
35. Canadian band, Doug and The __
38. Cottage plot
41. Lotto-winner's circumstance
42. Storage-area-turned-extra-room
43. Manners of speaking
48. Declare
50. Type of notebook
53. Type of cat
55. Military attacks
56. Baker's meas.
57. 9th Greek letter
58. Hubbubs
60. Prefix to 'normal'
61. "The Price Is Right" host Mr. Carey
62. "Up and __ '__!" (Rise and shine!)
63. "The Real Housewives of Atlanta" cast member Ms. Leakes
64. Horse speed
66. Flying bird's domain

## Friday's Crossword



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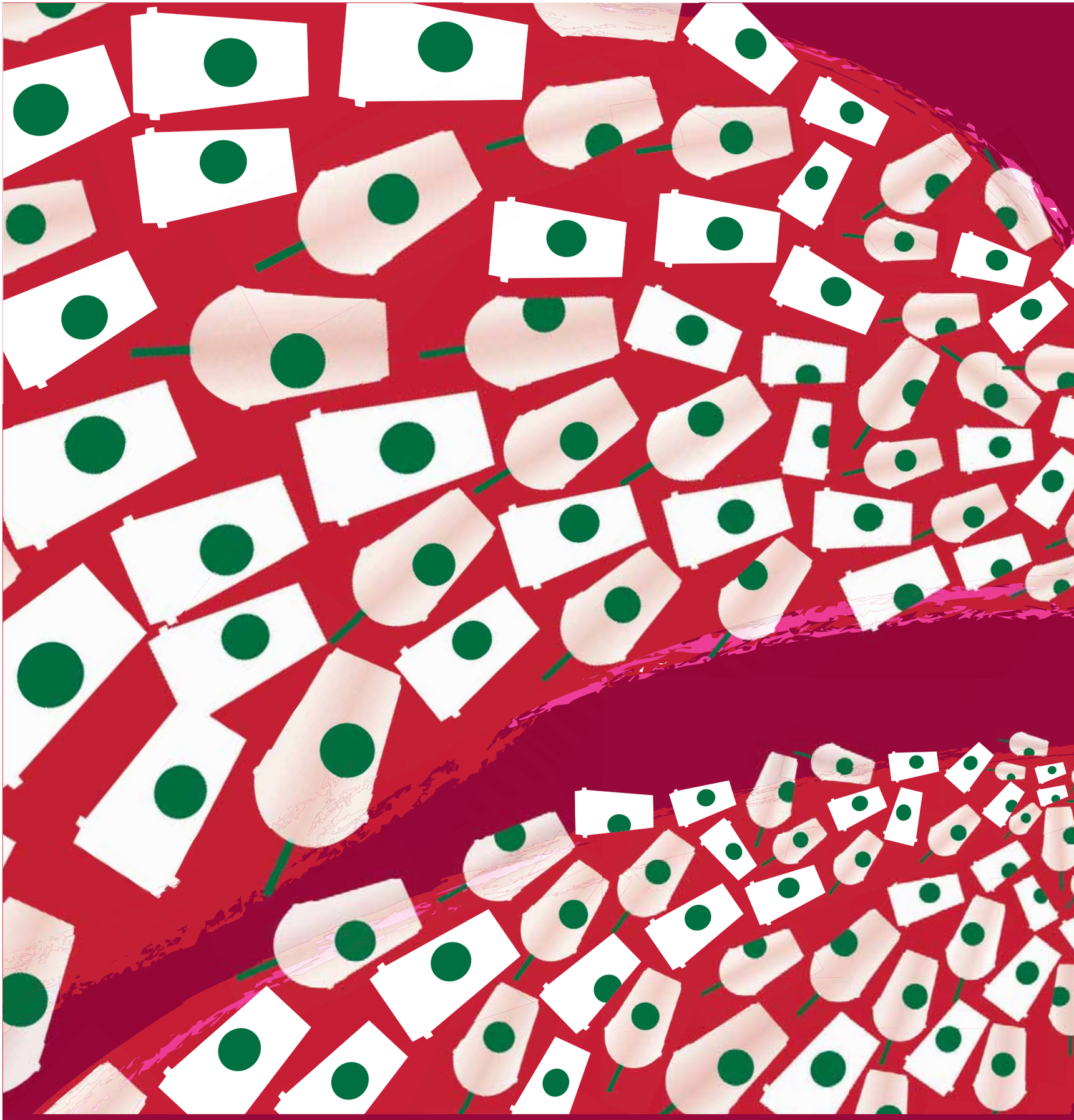

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